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August 13, 1977

Prime Minister Forbs Burnham
Government Headquarters
Brickdam Georgetown
Guyana

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as a member of the Human Rights Commission in San Francisco to indicate to you my personal support of the Reverend James Jones who, with the permission of your government, has established and operated an Agriculture Mission in your country for a number of years.

Mr. Jones is also the pastor of the "Peoples Temple" Church here in San Francisco. I have observed a number of services at the Peoples Temple, and witnessed the extensive activities of community service engaged in by the Peoples Temple to the poor in this city. The Reverend Jones' church provides a wide variety of services, including free medical and food programs, which have been a great service to our community. In essence, Peoples Temple seems to me to be a church involved im what Christianity is all about: people of all ages working and living together in harmony and serving the community.

Our reports of the Peoples Temple activities in Guyana are, that the church is involved in similar activities of service through a progressive Agricultural Mission which is also providing great benefits to the people of your country.

These outstanding contributions of the Peoples Temple lead me to share with you, my impression of our mutual benefit from the services of Peoples Temple and to urge your support of their activities in your country.

Sincerely yours,

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